

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1:

This is a continuation-in-part of a commonly owned ~~pending-allowed~~ Application No. 10/151,121 filed May 17, 2002 U.S. Patent 6,735,399 B2, by Charles H. Tabb, Scott M. Silence, Jane M. Kanehl, and Douglas A. Kreckel, and entitled "POST-LAUNCH PROCESS OPTIMIZATION OF REPLACEABLE SUB-ASSEMBLY UTILIZATION THROUGH CUSTOMER REPLACEABLE UNIT MEMORY PROGRAMMING". As to those claims in this CIP application that may not be entitled to said filing date of said parent application, and have a different inventorship, and thus may be subjected to a §102(e)/103 rejection upon publication or issuance of the parent application making it a reference, the MPEP §706.02(l)(2)(ii) approved statement for the 35 USC §103(c) removal of such a §102(e)/103 rejection is also hereby made. Namely, that this application and that reference were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] Many machines have replaceable sub-assemblies. Printing machines for example may have a number of replaceable sub-assemblies such as a fuser print cartridge, a toner cartridge, or an automatic document handler. These subassemblies may be arranged as a unit called a cartridge, and if intended for replacement by the customer or machine owner, may be referred to as a CRU. Examples of a CRU may include a printer cartridge, toner cartridge, ~~photo-receptor~~ photoreceptor, or transfer assembly unit. It may be desirable for a CRU design to vary over the course of time due to manufacturing changes or to solve post launch problems with either: the machine, the CRU, or a CRU and machine interaction.

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